



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 26, 2000

S. 2812

A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 20, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill would affect direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we estimate that the effects would be less than \$500,000 annually. S. 2812 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not have a significant effect on state or local budgets. The bill would have no impact on tribal governments.

S. 2812 would permit the Attorney General to waive certain naturalization requirements for immigrants with disabilities. Naturalization could make some individuals eligible for certain federal benefit programs. However, because of the small number of persons likely to be affected by the bill, CBO expects that any increase in direct spending for these programs would be insignificant.

Enacting the bill also could result in an increase in applications for naturalization and thus a small increase in fees collected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The agency is authorized to spend such fees without further appropriation, so the net impact on INS spending would be negligible.

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